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**Ensuring the quality of EU-FAS advisors through a public procurement in Flanders**

The Flemish Department of Agriculture and Rural Development has the overall responsibility for the implementation of the "Farm Advisory System". In the programming period 2016-2020, the name of the implemented measure was "KRATOS" (<https://lv.vlaanderen.be/nl/subsidies/bedrijfssubsidies/kratos>). It is a completely free advisory system on 13 different advisory topics for farmers. The invoice for services goes directly to the government that makes the payment to the individual accredited advisors. So the control by the government is quite straight forward. The system is also very accessible to the end user by using a "known" online login system, a non-digital alternative is not available. The main difference between the EU-FAS implementation from the previous programming period 2017-2013 and KRATOS is working with a public tender. The public procurement rules also apply to the selection of advisors. To guarantee quality advice, the business advisory services must work with business advisors who meet certain competence requirements, as specified in the selection and award criteria. The criteria for business advisors relate, among other things, to diplomas, relevant experience in advising in the agricultural sector and refresh courses. On the other hand, there are no requirements of certification or training. The selection of an advisory service must ensure that a proper audit can take place and relates to administrative requirements and the presence of certain competencies such as qualified advisors. The full document about the selection of advisors within the advisory service and the requirements of the advice given, is available online: <https://ted.europa.eu/TED/notice/udl?uri=TED:NOTICE:269526-2019:TEXT:NL:...>

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